

Mission Items.

BLANCO, PA., Jan 1. 1885.—I was called on a mission east, to what is known as the "Warrior's Mark" congregation, which is named after the little village located in Warrior's Mark township, of the same name. The township and village probably derived their name from marks and signs of Indian warriors that were encamped near where the village is located. I am credibly informed that about three-fourths of a mile north of the village were four large oak trees forming a square, the tops inclining towards each other in the form of a tent. Two of the trees are yet standing. In these trees were found sandstones and marks, that were doubtless made by the uncivilized tribes that once inhabited that country. One mile north of Warrior's Mark you will find another little village. It is usually known by the name of Cross Roads, or more recently Spring Mount. In this village you will find a church edifice whose doors are closed against all religious denominations except one, which I will not name. However the school building, which is a commodious little Bethel, was opened for us to hold our meetings. We commenced on the 16th of the 12th month, 1884, and continued until the 25th. The meeting was a success. On the 25th we reconstructed with five members, and baptized two, making in all seven members for the Warrior's Mark congregation; and the prospects are good for the building up of the cause of our Master in this place. Our ministering brethren who travel along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will please remember this congregation. You will change cars at Tyrone, take the Lewisburg branch and run to Warrior's Mark station, where you will be met and kindly cared for, by previously addressing sister E. C. M. Gragier, Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon county, Pa. I was met at the station by brother J. L. Krider, who conveyed me to place of meeting. Brother Krider and family accompanied me to the Bald Eagle station where I took the cars homeward bound. Among those whose kind hospitality I shared I will name the following families: sister E. C. M. Gragier, and brethren Krider, Minnick, Tickerhoof, Isaac Cox, E. Nearhoof, another family of Nearhoofs, and a family of United Brethren by the name of Weaver. I do thank all for your kind care, and great interest manifested in my welfare while among you. God's choicest blessings rest upon you all; and may the God of all grace reward you all a hundred fold in this world, and in the world to come with eternal life.

During the meeting I preached a sermon on Progressive Christianity, in which I set forth how we used to do under the Annual Meeting rule, and how we now do under the Gospel alone rule, as directed by our Master, Jesus. At the close several of the brethren who yet stand with the annual meeting body, admitted that our present practice is right and nearer the Gospel than theirs. One of their deacons admitted the same in an interview I had with him; another remarked that it was strange that these things were not revealed sooner. Yet strange to say, when they see and admit, they are not willing to come out from among them, and enjoy what they know

is right. May our God give all such moral courage to join in and help in the good cause. On my way home I stopped a few hours with Elder J. W. Wilt, in Altoona. Found brother Wilt quite ill; hope he is well again. Arrived home on the 26th, found all well, as this now leaves us. I feel to thank God for his goodness. May he bless his cause everywhere and save a perishing world. J. B. WAMPLER.

College Notes.

Nearly all of last-term students are still in school.

The enrollment has not been completed yet.

During the week of prayer, a daily prayer-meeting was sustained at the College by the students. Hope the good work may continue.

U. S. History is a very popular study again this term, and we think Bro. Perry will do his part in making the recitations interesting.

The morning of the opening of the new term was rather dark and gloomy, but the students flocked in in numbers, exceeding the expectations of those interested.

Mr. C. S. Hetric visits Ashland about the first of each month in the interest of the Central Ohio Oil Co., of Galion, Ohio, which company he has been serving ever since he left Ashland College nearly two years ago.

Miss Dora Hegler visited her friends in Ashland during the holidays. She was influenced, partly, by the announcement that there would be a reunion of old students on Dec. 20th. Come again, Dora, about July 15th and see the College reunion.

In the marriage of Mr F. J. Mishler and Miss S. Etta Moherman which occurred Oct., 22nd, 1884, two more old Pierians forsake the path of single blessedness. How many is that? Who has the tally-sheet? "Better late than never" is our only excuse for presenting this item now?

Among the new students this term are R. H. Meyers of Juniata County, Pa., U. A. Gochenour of Cambria Co., Pa., Laura B. Beeghly of Nat. Military Home, Ohio, H. T. Isenberg of Tennessee, Adra E. Heffley of Berlin, Pa., Minnie Miner of Jefferson County, Ohio, and several others from Ashland County and vicinity. REPORTER.

The News.

The eldest son of the Prince of Wales and presumptive future king of England, arrived at his majority a few weeks ago, and the event was celebrated in high style throughout the kingdom. If Americans were to celebrate the birthdays of their presumptive presidents there would be a lively time throughout the United States about every four years or so.

The London Times is almost alarmed over England's Egyptian affairs, and asks for Gladstone's resignation at once, and predicts war unless this is done.

There are still a few cases of cholera reported from Rome and Paris.

January 3rd an earthquake shock was felt at Washington City.

The Hocking Valley miners have fired a tunnel on the B. & O. R. R., and committed other misdemeanors against the mine owners. The miners have had arms shipped to them lately and further trouble is feared.

Pleasant weather has given the N. O. Exposition a boom and exhibitors are happy. Boarding and lodging in abundance at from \$3 to \$10 per day.

The State miners association held a convention at Columbus, O., January

8th. Their sessions were held in secret. They petition the legislature for an investigation of the Hocking Valley difficulties.

The Ohio State Forestry association met at Columbus on the 3rd inst., and was well attended.

The Catholics at Cleveland, O., are at war with one another. The Bishop had closed the church and parsonage which the disaffected members tried to break open, but were resisted. One person was seriously injured.

General Fremont is at the head of a large party to survey a tract of 13,000, 000 acres of land in Mexico.

General Grant has refused to accept the fund raised by Cyrus Field for his benefit.

The British bark, Isabel, from Cadiz, reports having encountered an earthquake at sea, which made the sea and ship quake, and the crew also quaked with fear.

The Spanish newspapers are appealing for relief for the sufferers from the late earthquake.

The German expedition to the Congo had to be relinquished on account of the opposition it encountered.

Some of the mills and iron works of Pittsburg and other eastern cities have resumed work, and hundreds of men have been given employment.

The Chinese were defeated by the French, with heavy losses, on the 2nd of January.

Literary.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL AND SCIENCE OF HEALTH, for January, indicates decided progress in a magazine that has well deserved the confidence and esteem accorded it for so many years by the public. The number signals the fiftieth year of the noble work of its founders and proprietors by an appropriate and very interesting article that contains the story of the rise and growth of Phrenology in the United States, and is richly illustrated with numerous portraits. We note among these, several pioneers of the moral reform, whose fame is universally acknowledged, including Gall, Spurzheim, and Combe, O. S. and L. N. Fowler, Samuel R. Wells, Charlotte Fowler Wells, Drs. Trail and Graham, and others. John Wagh, the veteran contributor, considers "Phenomena of Immortality" in his usually pleasing style, and has worked up a very strong argument on the side of super-natural evidences for another existence. In natural evidences for another existence. In very practical papers; the first, "Sanitary Survey of a House," is full of suggestion to all who would live in a healthful home. A portrait and sketch of Dr. Robert Koch, the eminent German microscopist, comes in for a share of attention. The whole number has an exceptional interest, and is indicative of a vigorous state of the science it represents in general, and of the publishing house, by which it is issued, in particular.

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